

Rural Utilities Service • Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Oconto Water System Serving the Village Now and Into The Future

The Village of Oconto had only one well and no backup supply if that well would go down. Their water tower was adequate but required several safety upgrades and needed to be sealed. The biggest issue was that the distribution lines and water meters were very old and well past their useful life which resulted in Oconto losing over 50 percent of their water pumped.



New hydrant part of the water improvements.

Rural Development provided a \$396,000 loan and a \$503,000 grant while a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development contributed \$250,000 to help the village finish out the funding package to secure the needed infrastructure improvements.

The Village of Oconto was able to complete their water project and are extremely happy with the results of the water upgrades. They now have a backup well in case of an emergency, new distribution lines and water meters, which benefit not only the residents but the whole environment by promoting water conservation. The community was very supportive for the water improvements which has now extended the life of the water system for years to come.

Obligation Amount:	\$396,000 Loan \$503,000 Grant
Date of Obligation:	4/29/15
Congressional District:	Representative Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse
Partners:	CDBG from Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Demographics:	Village's water system was very old and in need of updates.
Impact:	Village has a water system that will serve them into the future.
